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### Tribal Gaming Contributions Continue to Roll for 7

PHOENIX – Arizona Department of Gaming announced today that tribal contributions to the state from gaming revenue will be approximately \$24.3 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. This is a 7.4 percent increase from the same quarter of last year. It also marks the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter increase.

“Tribal gaming is largely dependent on discretionary income of Arizona residents and visitors” said Mark Brnovich, Director of Arizona Department of Gaming. “The increase in revenue suggests that people are feeling more optimistic about Arizona’s economic recovery.”

The quarterly tribal contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund will be distributed as follows:

Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$12,211,580
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$ 6,105,790
Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:	\$ 2,000,000
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 1,744,511
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 1,744,511
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 485,845
<b>TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended March 31, 2012:</b>	<b>\$24,292,237</b>

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona’s tribes, regulates Indian gaming. Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, tribes with casinos contribute one to eight percent of their Class III gross gaming revenue to the state, cities, towns and counties. In Arizona, Class III gaming includes slot machines, jackpot poker, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting. There are currently 22 Class III casinos in the state. Tribes send contributions to the state Arizona Benefits Fund every three months.

For more information or to request an interview with Director Brnovich, please contact Rick Medina at (602) 255-3806.